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11. (SBU) Emboff spoke with multiple representatives at the Bolivian foreign ministry and the phytosanitary agency SENASAG. Officials informed us that Bolivia is not a signatory to the Cartagena Protocol. They did not know if they had received invitations to participate in the upcoming Mexico City meeting, and they knew of no current plans for anyone from the Bolivian government to attend.

12. (C) In the past, the Bolivian government has been strongly opposed to genetic modification, and if they do participate, we can expect them to take an anti-USG stance. Because of the current bilateral difficulties, Post determined that engaging the Bolivian government on this issue would be more likely to radicalize their position than create any support for a more balanced proposal. For that reason, other than requesting information about attendance, Post did not raise the substance of this demarche with government officials.
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